

Jamesville Women Folding Dressings By the Thousands

Volunteers Here Working To Complete August Quota Early Next Week

After struggling along for weeks, a comparatively few willing volunteers with valuable help from units at Jamesville, Bear Grass and Hamilton, have nearly completed the August quota of surgical dressings in the local Red Cross bandage room. There are yet 3,900 dressings 4 by 8 to be prepared, but it is hoped that new volunteers who have not heretofore found time to help will now pitch in and rush the job to completion, possibly by early next week.

The project was carried over the hump by volunteers at the Jamesville unit where more than 12,000 dressings have been prepared and where 1,800 four by eight are now being processed. No reports has been received from the other two units at Hamilton and Bear Grass, but it is assumed that the volunteers there are busy and that they will complete the work soon.

Reviewing the work handled by the bandage room during the past year, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, chairman, said last evening that 221,800 dressings had been handled by the chapter, including sizes ranging from 2 by 2 and 8 by 10 inches.

Approximately 40,000 dressings are now about ready for shipment. Members of the Lions Club have volunteered to pack and ship the prepared dressings.

In a letter from the Red Cross, it was stated this week that volunteers in the Southeastern Area had led all other districts during the past ten weeks in the percentage of shipped dressings. Red Cross officials extended their congratulations to all those who had given of their time to the worthy project. "Yours are truly 'front-line' dressings, serving in our field hospitals throughout the world. We know you will want to carry on your enviable record until every single dressing has been completed and shipped."

The following persons visited the room here since last Monday night:

Tuesday afternoon: Mesdames D. R. Davis, Joe Roebuck, Floyd E. Bufflap, Larry J. Bullock, Frank Weaver and Jack Hardison.

Tuesday night: Mesdames B. S. Courtney, Bill Howell, L. P. Lindsley, D. L. Simmons, Luther Peel, P. B. Cone, G. P. Hall, Morris Stalls, and Misses Shamie Ramey, Bolton Cowen, Marjorie Lindsley, Ethel Guest, Mary Lib Keel, Louise Hines, Elizabeth Manning, Edith Hines, and Elsie Richardson.

Wednesday afternoon: Mesdames Hubert Taylor, C. C. Parker, J. G. Chestham, Leonard Williams, G. W. Lewis, D. L. Speight, Travis Kitchin, Calvin F. Sluder, J. O. Manning and

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Order Placed By the Town for Fire Truck Costing \$7,876.00

An order for a new fire truck was placed with the Mack Company by the town last Wednesday afternoon. The new unit to cost \$7,876.00. In the deal, the town traded in its old discarded Ford fire truck bought back in the early twenties, the company allowing \$500 for it. The weather-worn truck will be returned to the volunteer firemen as a gift from the Mack Company.

While it is possible the town will pay for the new machine spot cash upon its arrival, the agreement entered into this week calls for one-third cash and the remainder in one and two years at six per cent.

The company representative guaranteed delivery within 120 days provided priority purchase rights are approved during the next few days

BANANA PUDDING

Anneving a small box of vanilla wafers and finding a bunch of bananas, Bennie Weaver closed his eyes and dreamed about the good ole banana pudding he used to eat from the Weaver table back home. Writing recently from his post in far-away New Guinea the young soldier said the wafers and bananas reminded him of home pudding, but they failed to measure up to the tasty dish his mother used to make.

Better Nutrition Is Topic for Meeting

Meeting in the courthouse early this week, representatives of various agencies and civic organizations advanced plans for stressing the necessity of better nutrition.

Known as the Martin County Council of Social Agencies, the newly perfected organization will meet once each month for a study of problems and for the general betterment of public health through proper nutrition.

September has been designated as National Nutrition Month, and the Council will begin its work by supporting the Emergency War Food Administration in its call for better nutrition in Martin County.

Officers of the newly organized council include: Jas. C. Manning, chairman; Mildred Pigg, first vice chairman; Doretha Chase, second vice chairman; Ida Roberts, secretary; and Mrs. J. L. Goff, publicity chairman.

Representatives were present from most sections of the county, including J. C. Manning, superintendent of schools; H. M. Ainsley representing the Oak City Ruritan Club;

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Allied Drive Meets Greater Resistance On 170-Mile Front

Very few of the specifications were changed and the changes called for an increase of only \$50 in the original purchase price. The \$7,876 purchase price does not include nozzles or hose and these items will likely boost the total to approximately \$10,000. The truck now in use cost \$11,500 back in 1928 but by the time it was fully equipped with nozzles and hose the cost was boosted to nearly \$15,000.

Following the purchase of the truck now in use, insurance premium rates were materially reduced, effecting savings that soon offset the cost and operation of the truck. It is not known whether another reduction in rates will follow the delivery of the new Mack truck.

Joseph H. Gurganus Died Yesterday At Home in Bear Grass

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted at Late Home This Afternoon

Joseph Henry Gurganus, respected

citizen and farmer of Bear Grass Township, died at his home there at 7 o'clock yesterday morning following a stroke of paralysis suffered last Sunday. About two years ago he was stricken, but had virtually regained his health and was thought to be getting along very well until last Sunday morning. During recent weeks he had been unusually active on the farm, assisting with the tobacco harvest. Last Friday he picked cotton a greater part of the day. His last work was in the same spot where his first wife completed her earthly tasks in the cotton fields about this time of the year, thirteen years ago.

Arising Sunday morning, he called his wife and explained that it was almost time for breakfast and get ready for Sunday school. Mrs. Gurganus went to the kitchen and when she returned to his bedroom she found him lying on the bed unconscious. He never rallied.

The son of the late Outland Gurganus and wife, he was born in Cross Roads Township in December, 1866. When a youth he moved to Bear Grass and married Miss Emma Lassiter and leaves by this union, four sons, Messrs. R. C. Henry O., and C. B. Gurganus, of Bear Grass, and W. E. Gurganus, of Beaufort County, and a daughter, Mrs. Fannie Beach, of Cross Roads. Several years after the death of his first wife, he was married to Miss Bettie Leggett who survives with four children, John, Eunice, Joe and James Outland Gurganus, all of the home. He also leaves fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was the

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Lewis Thos. Taylor Shot in the Heart, Lives To Tell Story

Nature of Wound Revealed in Special Communication Few Days Ago

Pfc. Lewis Thomas Taylor, 24-year-old son of Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker and the late Sam Taylor, was seriously wounded in France on last June 11, relatives were advised in this county the early part of August. The nature of the young man's wound was not revealed until a few days ago when a special communication stated that he was shot in the heart. It is believed that his case will be numbered among the really unusual ones in that he was alone for an indefinite period after he was wounded and lived through an operation to tell the story.

"If I had known how badly I was hurt, I guess I would have fallen down and died," the red haired infantryman who had fought through some of the hottest action in France during the first few days of the Normandy invasion, was quoted as saying.

While the scene of action was not given, Pvt. Taylor was further quoted as saying: "I was acting as rear guard covering a movement of my platoon and was all alone when I got hit. I felt a violent impact and knew that I had been wounded. Then I must have passed out for several hours, because when I awoke everything was dark and quiet. I heard someone and I stumbled about 150 yards in that direction before I could get their attention. They were medics and they took good care of me from then on."

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Local Boy Returns From Italian Front

Pfc. W. Harcum Capps is home for a rest after being badly wounded in Italy on last May 13 and after seeing considerable action in the Mediterranean campaigns.

Although he was shot in the right knee, the young man walks all right and is in good health. He will be at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Capps, at their home on Smithwick Street here until about the first of October when he is to report to Miami for possible reassignment.

Pvt. Capps was in the big push from Naples to Rome when he fell wounded, the victim of a sniper's bullet. He was removed to cover and advised to remain there until nightfall when the medical corps was to return for him under the cover of darkness. The young man held to his fox hole until about 9 o'clock and then started crawling away. He was picked up a short time later.

Snipers' bullets were so thick that stretcher bearers dared not operate. He was placed on the back of a soldier and carried out of range and then was placed on a stretcher and hauled on a jeep to a hospital. After undergoing an operation he was in the hospital at Naples for three months.

The young man arrived home unexpectedly last Tuesday morning.

Robbers Steal \$450 From Garage Safe

Entering a shop window, robbers some time during last Monday night opened the office safe and stole \$450 in cash from the Dixie Motors on Washington Street here. No trace of the robbers has been found, and few details of the robbery could be learned immediately as the proprietor, Mr. William Everett, was out of town.

According to a report, some one entered the office a few days earlier and stole approximately \$50 from the same safe.

Super-Fortresses Strike Vital War Industries in Manchuria

Following a 450-mile plunge across France, Allied forces, meeting an increasing resistance, are engaged in bitter and costly fighting as they near the German frontier. While the German forces are still retreating in some areas, it is now fairly apparent that the retreats have been in the form of withdrawals to form a defense line, the action indicating that the real battle for Germany will be bitterly contested.

German's invincibility has been shattered and there is no doubt but what the Allies will prosecute the fight despite the Siegfried line and all the defense measures the Germans offer. It has been explained that American forces have trodden German soil, that the advance was by patrols. Withdrawn later, the patrols declare they found plenty in the way of defense, but it is reasoned that the resistance will not stand very long. Fierce fighting is raging along a front of about 170 miles, but real action there is hardly to be expected until the Seventh U. S. Army pulls up from the south to connect with Patton's forces and other divisions complete their maneuvers.

It is predicted by some that the land forces will do little more than apply pressure to enemy lines while the air forces prepare for and direct a terrific pounding on the Siegfried line and on vital targets within Germany from close bases.

The Allied forces are within 25 miles of the German border, bridge-heads have been established at three points along the Moselle River. During the meantime, the Seventh Army under Gen. Alexander Patch, is moving about 25 miles a day to threaten large German forces and close the Belfort gap, now less than

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Sales Pass Million Pound Mark On Local Market This Morning; New Selling Restrictions Ordered

County Court Holds Longest Session In Months On Monday

Twenty-three cases cleared from docket; Big crowd hears proceedings

With twenty-three cases on the docket, Judge J. C. Smith held the county recorder's court in session until after four o'clock last Monday, and the jurist lost no time in handling the work. The docket carried the greatest number of cases of any in recent months. Many of the cases were linked indirectly to the opening of the tobacco marketing season, but it has been a long time since a tobacco opening stirred up so much commotion.

The court attracted a packed house and the tribunal, however inferior it may be, had the appearance of an old-time session of the "big" court.

For about the second time since he has been on the bench, Judge Smith dismissed a defendant and ordered the case costs taxed against the prosecuting witness.

Some rather "stiff" fines were imposed and a few jail terms were sprinkled among the judgments to make the day a most unusual one in the history of the court.

Proceedings:

Pleading guilty, Turner Holliday Page was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for speeding on the highways.

Octavius Roberson was sentenced to the roads for six months for larceny and receiving. He pleaded guilty of the crime.

Charged with driving a motor vehicle after his operator's license was revoked, Daniel Ryan pleaded guilty and was sentenced to jail for one day and fined \$10, the cost to be added.

In the case charging Henry Godard with an assault, the court found from the evidence that the prosecution was frivolous and prompted by malice of the prosecuting witness, Jaima Godard, and was not required in the public interest. The court dismissed the defendant and ordered the prosecuting witness to pay the costs.

Beulah Cherry was found not guilty in the cases charging her with an assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest. A second case,

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Cases Handled In Mayor's Court Here

Justice J. L. Hassell handled quite a few cases in his court here during the past few days.

Chas. B. Roberson and John Henry White, drunk and disorderly, were each taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Tom Armstrong was fined \$1.50 and taxed \$8.50 costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Robert Leggett and J. D. Gurganus, publicly drunk, were each required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Probable cause was not found in the case charging Boot Wilson and Haywood Gardner with reckless driving and action was dismissed.

Probable cause was found in the case charging William Arthur Bell with assaulting a female, and the defendant was bound over to the higher court under bond in the sum of \$100.

The case charging Mary Wynne and Raymond Wynne with breaking into and entering a club house in Jamesville Township was sent to the Superior court with the defendants under \$100 bonds. They waived examining preliminary hearing.

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Selective Service Takes Nineteen

Of the fifty-one white men called for this county on August 16 for pre-induction examinations, nineteen passed, according to an official report just released by the Draft Board. Twenty-nine were rejected on account of physical defects and three failed to report.

The names of those passing the examination are:

John Lawton House, Herman Burros Daniels, Robert Taylor, Justus Brown Coltrain, Jesse Hubert Peel, William Herbert Mizelle, Moses Parson Wheeler, Herbert Lynn Brown, William Luther Bland, Thurman George Joyner, William Marvin Coltrain, John Leary Hassell, Roy Craven Martin, James Taylor Whitley, Hubert Gray Coltrain, Robert Worsley James, Jr., Malotha Bowen Price, Monroe Everett Turner and William Woodrow Tice.

Seven fathers are in the group.

PROMOTED



Raleigh T. Harrington, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington, was recently promoted to the rank of major in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He is military attaché at the American embassy in Quito, Ecuador, where he has been for the past year. Prior to that time he was stationed for a year in Brazil.

Draft Registration For the Past Month

Twenty-four youths, nearly all of them just eighteen years old, registered for the draft in this county last month. One of the registrants, Phillip Ray Tyson, of RFD 1, Hobgood, had already served in the Army and held his medical discharge.

Names and addresses of the other August registrants:

Ponce de Leon Bullock, c. RFD 2, Williamston.

Arthur Brown, c. RFD 3, Williamston.

William Jasper Keel, c. Everetts. Spencer Eldred Coltrain, w. RFD 1, Williamston.

Leo Spruill, c. RFD 1, Oak City. Otis Clifton Roberson, w. RFD 1, Robersonville.

John Davis Staton, c. RFD 1, Jamesville. David Alford Bland, w. RFD 1, Hassell.

M. C. Best, c. Robersonville. George Henry Lyons, Jr., c. RFD 1, Williamston.

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Report Block Sales On Market Today For The First Time

Size of Basket Piles Will Be Reduced Fifty Pounds Beginning Monday

Following a week of comparatively light sales, the local tobacco market during the past few days has experienced a fairly rapid increase in selling activities, the deliveries today boosting the total to well over a million pounds for the season to date. Floors were cleared without difficulty all last week and while there was little time to spare, the sales have been completed each day this week up until today. Just how big the block, the first of the season here, will be one can hardly say. The first sale closed its doors before selling time and tobacco started moving into the other houses for sales next Monday and Tuesday. This afternoon there was much room for first sale next Monday, but it is believed that the space will be exhausted there tomorrow, if not earlier. It is indeed apparent now that the marketing rush is developing rapidly, that more selling restriction will follow in the course of marketing developments.

It was officially announced this morning that the size of the baskets would be reduced by special order from a maximum of 300 pounds to 250, beginning next Monday. The new order will hardly apply to tobacco left on the block today. Selling periods will be maintained at three and one-half hours daily five days a week for the present. It was unofficially rumored, however, that the selling week would possibly be limited. Some have said that sales will be handled on four days only, and other rumors declare that it is possible the selling period will be limited to three days each week. These are only rumors, but it is fairly certain that selling restrictions will be effected to meet new marketing emergencies as they arise from time to time.

Up until this morning, the local market officially had sold 948,516 pounds for \$403,737.91, a resulting average of \$42.56 per 100 pounds. The sales today will approximate 250,000 pounds or more, not including the block.

Prices were described to be as

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More Men Report For Pre-Induction Exams

Most Of The Group Is From Industry; Thirteen Married

Twenty-one of the Thirty-six Colored Draftees Are In Their Teens

Thirty-six Martin County colored men left here yesterday for Fort Bragg to undergo physical examinations for possible military service. For the first time in recent months, most of the group came from industry, or, at least, only sixteen gave farming as their occupation.

The call came from the teen-age group and married men made up a fairly large portion of the number called. Twenty-one had not reached their twentieth birthday, and the ages of the others ranged from twenty to twenty-nine years. Two of the men will be thirty years of age within the next sixty days. The twelve married men leave twenty-one children and a widower leaves two.

Names and addresses of the colored men called yesterday follow:

Clarence George Everett Whitfield, RFD 3, Williamston and Baltimore.

Octavia Rodgers, Williamston and Norfolk.

James Purvis, Everetts. Ivory Clark, RFD 1, Oak City and Williamston.

Manson Council, Bethel. Champ Scott, Williamston. Albert Fleming Wilson, Williamston.

George Ben Ruffin, RFD 3, Williamston. Frank Scott, Williamston.

James Elbert Brooks, RFD 1, Jamesville. Louis Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville.

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Called to report for his pre-induction physical, a local colored boy almost missed the bus yesterday morning. He did not receive his notice to report, and was notified only after friends advised him his name had been called. He pedaled his bike down to the draft board in a hurry and explained his plight. "Give me ten minutes to tell my people I'm leaving and I'll answer the call," he was quoted as saying. The bus driver obliged him and before the ten minutes were spent he was back and ready to go.

Officers Destroy Large Distillery

Raiding in the Tranters Creek area near Roberson's Bridge in Cross Roads Township last Wednesday, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked a large distillery and poured out six hundred gallons of sugar beer. There were two 100-gallon capacity tin stills and the plant was equipped with an oil burner, the officers finding about ten gallons of fuel oil. Picking up a trail, the officers tracked down and found five gallons of liquor about a quarter of a mile from the plant.

Last Saturday the officers found a plant in sight of Hassell. They wrecked the oil drum used for a still and poured out about 100 gallons of molasses beer. Picking up a trail at the plant, the officers went to an old vacant house and found two gallons of liquor in the dog house and several hundred yards from the plant.

As a whole, the illicit business is making little progress in the county.

Sixteen Colored Boys Left Today For Army Center

Five of Group Are Married And They Leave Behind Three Children

Passing their preliminary examinations some weeks ago, sixteen Martin County colored men were called to report today for final induction. Five of the group are married and they are leaving behind three children. Twelve of the sixteen come from the farm. Eight of the draftees are in their teens and the others range from 22 to 26 years, inclusive.

Names and addresses of the men reporting for final induction call today are, as follows:

Jesse Bennett, Oak City. Larry Thomas Ruffin, Robersonville.

Nathaniel Broaden, RFD, Robersonville. Willie Odell Williams, RFD 1, Palmyra and Scotland Neck.

Thurston Spruill, RFD 1, Palmyra. Leroy Broddy, RFD 2, Robersonville.

S. T. Whitaker, RFD 1, Robersonville and Norfolk. Harry Daniels, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Ulysses Daniel, RFD 1, Williamston. Sam Junior Short, RFD 1, Oak City.

Malachi Bonds, RFD 2, Williamston. Jesse Thomas Knight, RFD 1, Bethel.

Charlie Bussey, RFD 1, Oak City. John Henry Manning, RFD 1, Hobgood.

Walter Barfield, RFD 1, Oak City. Charles Henderson, RFD 2, Robersonville and Hampton, Va.